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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY,
SUB-GROUP III, REPORT NO. 2

REF: A. BRASILIA 6303; B. SG REPORT NO. 1, SEPTTEL

1. SUB-GROUP III WAS CALLED TO ORDER MORNING OF AUGUST 20. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED: ARGENTINA, CHILE, MEXICO, VENEZUELA, URUGUAY, GUYANA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, NICARAGUA AND THE US. PERU AND EL SALVADOR JOINED MEETING IN LATE AFTERNOON. MOST COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND, BESIDE US, ONLY BRAZIL, MEXICO, VENEZUELA, AND PERU FIELDDED SUSBTANTIVE DELEGATIONS. FIRST ACT OF SG-III WAS TO ELECT VENEZUELAN DELEGATE AS CHAIRMAN, US DELEGATE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND A BRAZILIAN DELEGATE AS RAPPOREUR.

2. SUB-CHIEF OF BRAZILIAN DELEGATION, FRANK DA COSTA,

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LED OFF THE MEETICG SETTING THE GENERAL TONE

AND INDICATING THAT SINCE THE WORK OF THE SG-III WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, THE BRASILIA SESSIONS SHOULD FOCUS ON DEFINING ATTITUDES RATHER THAN DEVELOPING MECHANISMS. THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE BRASILIA AND SUBSEQUENT CARACAS MEETING WOULD BE USED TO MORE CLEARLY DEVELOP THE SUBSTANCE OF TRANSFER MECHANISMS. HE THEN RAISED THE QUESTION PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH US DELEGATION AND REPORTED REFTEL B THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN US POSITION AS DEFINED IN JUNE BRASILIA MEETING AND THE RECENT US ACTION AT GENEVA UNCTAD MEETING. DA COSTA ASKED FOR A CLEAR DEFINITION OF US POSITION INDICATING IF US STANCE AS DEFINED DURING JUNE MEETING WAS NO LONGER VIABLE, FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WOULD, IN FACT, BE USELESS.

3. BEFORE REPLYING TO COSTA'S QUESTION, CHIEF OF US DELEGATION, DR. GRANGER, PRESENTED HIS OPENING REMARKS REPORTSD REFTEL A AND THEN STRONGLY ADDRESSED BRAZIL'S CONCERN. DR. GRANGER INDICATED THAT US IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY MECHANISM TO ASSIST THE LAS. US/UNCTAD POSITION WAS IN A DIFFERENT CONTEXT, A FORMAL VOTING ON A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION. AT THAT MEETING, THE US HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION AND FELT IT, IN FACT, MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. DR. GRANGER STATED FIRMLY THAT THE US POSITION IS TO CONTINUE ALONG THE LINES LAID DOWN DURING JUNE WG MEETING. VENEZUELAN DELEGATE IN CLARIFYING POSITION AGAIN REFERRED TO UNCTAD MEETING AS WELL AS RAISING POINT THAT DURING VISIT TO VENEZUELA, AMBASSADOR EBERLE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT THE US PRIVATE SECTOR RATHER THAN USG HAD SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. DR. GRANGER RESPONDED THAT USG INCLUDES LARGE NUMBER OF AGENCIES SENDING REPRESENTATIVES ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO MAY PHRASE US VIEWS IN DIFFERENT TERMS BUT THAT THE US HAD NOW DEVELOPED AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL GROUP INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, COMMERCE, AND TREASURY TO STUDY THE SUBJECT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND THAT THE US POSITION DEVELOPED DURING THE JUNE BRASILIA MEETING WAS AN ACCURATE REFLECTION OF THE

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US POSITION. THE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS SHOULD CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BY PRIVATE FIRMS WHICH WOULD ADDRESS MORE EFFECTIVELY THE PROBLEMS OF THE LAS: THE US WISHES TO UNDERSTAND THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND CONCERNS AND ACTIONABLE PROPOSALS OF LATIN AMERICA AND JUST HOW THE US CAN WORK TO SATISFY THESE OBJECTIVES.

4. BRAZILIAN DELEGATE, FRANK DA COSTA, WHO PLAYED A CONCILIATORY ROLE AND KEPT MEETING ON COURSE, DESCRIBED ROLE OF PRESENT EXCHANGE AS A MEANS TO SHOW THE US DELEGATION LA CONCERN AND THAT THE US DELEGATION SHOULD CHANNEL SUCH CONCERNS TO ITS GOVERNMENT. WHAT BRAZILIAN DELEGATION WANTED WAS A CONFIRMATION, DIRECTLY FROM WASHINGTON, THAT THE PROGRESSIVE ATTITUDE OF THE US WOULD CONTINUE. HE ASKED FOR A CONSENSUS OF THE OTHER LA DELEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THIS REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION.

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5. BOTH MEXICO AND ARGENTINA IN BRIEF STATEMENTS SUPPORTED BRAZIL'S PROPOSAL. VENEZUELA THEN ANNOUNCED ITS DESIRE FOR A CONCEPTIONAL DISCUSSION CONCERNING QUOTE US COMPENSATION FOR THE HEAVY COSTS OF TECHNOLOGY THAT THE LAS HAVE HAD TO BEAR IN THE PAST UNQUOTE. COSTA, HOWEVER, QUICKLY LAID THIS TO REST STATING THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO PROVOKE SUCH A PHILOSOPHICAL DEBATE AND STRESSING THE FACT THAT THE US WOULD BE A BENEFICIARY OF A STRONG LATIN

AMERICA AND THAT BOTH SIDES SHARE COMMON INTERESTS. HE REITERATED BRAZIL'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL CONVEYING THE IDEA THAT IT WAS NOT AN ATTEMPT AT POLARIZATION BUT A CONSTRUCTIVE DESIRE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND CLEAR THE AIR. DR. GRANGER RESPONDED THAT IF HIS PREVIOUS ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ASSURANCES WAS INADEQUATE, WE WOULD OBTAIN A FORMAL CONFIRMATION AND REQUESTED THAT THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION PREPARE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE QUESTION TO WHICH THE US WOULD ALSO RESPOND IN WRITING.

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6. ONLY VENEZUELA DELEGATION INDICATED THAT THEY HAD PREPARED SOME SORT OF DOCUMENT ADDRESSING SG-III TERMS OF REFERENCE. AFTERNOON SESSION INVOLVED DISCUSSION OF VENEZUELAN DOCUMENT, WHICH WAS LARGELY A GENERAL REVIEW OF PREVIOUS STUDIES. (COPY POUCHES SEPARATELY.) VENEZUELAN DEL WOUND UP PROPOSING SG FOCUS ON SPECIFIC ACTION PROJECTS PARTICULARLY IN INFORMATION FIELD. BRAZIL INSISTED FOCUS SHOULD BE ON PRIORITIES FOR POLITICAL ACTION BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS IN DOMESTIC, REGIONAL AND INTER-AMERICAN CONTEXTS. PERU SUPPORTED. AFTERNOON SESSION CLOSED ON STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN THAT TOMORROW'S SESSION SHOULD START ITEM BY ITEM REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE.
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